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THE LITERATURE OF EGYPT AND THE SOUDAN, Ancient, Mediæval, and Modern: an extensive Bibliography of the subject, comprising printed books and periodical literature, manuscripts, maps, drawings, etc. Messrs. Trübner & Co. will publish in October an exhaustive work thus entitled by H. H. Prince Ibrahim Hilmy, son of H. H. the Khedive Ismail.

A MAHOMMEDAN COLLEGE FOR HYDERABAD.—A large and influential meeting was held on April 23rd for adopting measures for establishing a Mahommedan College. About five hundred people were accommodated with seats in a large tent (shamianah) erected in the open air. His Highness the Nizam, who presided, took his seat on the upper dais with his minister and the Resident, whilst the nobles occupied the lower one. His Highness delivered his speech in Hindustani, pointing out the benefits of education and lamenting the decadence of the same amongst the Mahommedans. In the course of his speech he stated that appointments in the State would in future be in accordance with the candidate's proficiency in learning. The Minister and the Political Secretary followed the Nizam on the subject of Mahommedan learning, which at one time was second to none in the world. Several lacs of rupees were subscribed on the spot, and the Nizam announced that the Government would afford the college material assistance.

A NEW MALAGASY-ENGLISH DICTIONARY.—This work, edited by the Rev. J. Richardson, Head Master of the L.M.S. Normal School, Antananarivo, author of "Malagasy for Beginners," etc., which has been in preparation for more than two years, is now nearly ready for publication. In its preparation Mr. Richardson has been assisted by competent European and Native friends, with the result of placing the present work far in advance of any other Malagasy Dictionary, especially in fulness, arrangement, and correctness. In addition to the Dictionary proper, which extends to about

750 crown 8vo. pages, a most valuable introduction is added, consisting of "A Concise Introduction to the Malagasy Language," by the Rev. W. E. Cousins. The new Malagasy-English Dictionary will be issued in three styles, viz. crown 8vo., thin paper, flexible covers, for the pocket; crown 8vo. thick paper, strongly half-bound; demy 8vo. thick paper (large paper edit., only 50 copies printed), strongly half-bound.

THE MALTO LANGUAGE.—The Rev. E. Droese, senior missionary of the Church Missionary Society at Bhagulpur, North-West Provinces, has compiled and published an "Introduction to the Malto Language and a Malto Vocabulary." The Paharis, or people on the top of the hills in the Santâl country, speak this language, and call themselves Maler (men). This language is usually classed under the Dravidian group, but Mr. Droese says, while it has a decided Dravidian element in it, it differs from the family in many essential points. Bishop Caldwell considers this work of the Rev. E. Droese a very valuable contribution to our knowledge of the Non-Aryan languages of India. The pronouns are decidedly Dravidian, and so are the first two numerals. Although there are Maler native Christians, there is at present no Maler missionary, but the Gospels and a few hymns have been translated into Malto.

A COMPARATIVE DICTIONARY OF THE BIHARI LANGUAGE.—The first portion of this work, by A. F. Rudolf Hoernle and G. A. Grierson, is now passing through the press and will shortly be issued. It consists of fifty pages of introduction, forty pages of dictionary proper, ten pages of the promised Index to the Rāmāyan of Tul'sī Dās, and four language maps. Although nominally a dictionary of the Bihārī language, it deals scientifically with all the Aryan languages of India from Sindhī on the extreme west to Assamese on the extreme east. Each article consists of three portions. In the first the meanings of the word and its compounds are discussed; in the second each meaning given

is supported by an example of its use, taken, whenever possible, from literature, with an exact reference to the work quoted, and a translation into English. The third portion contains the comparative matter of the dictionary, and not only gives all the cognate forms of the word that occur in the various Gaudian languages, but also traces its derivation from its antecedent forms in Prākṛit, Pāli, and Sanskrit. The introduction contains a sketch of the gradual development of the modern languages of India from the earliest Aryan vernacular, which will be found to contain much material not hitherto brought into one place, and which should be valuable to the comparative grammarian. A long and appreciative notice in the "Calcutta Englishman" of an early copy of the work concludes as follows:—"It is impossible to give in our space an idea of the diligence and erudition lavished by Dr. Hoernle and Mr. Grierson upon a subject apparently so uninviting. A glance at the list of philological works laid under contribution will be enough to convince the reader of the wide and profound character of the authors' investigations. They are able to look at linguistic science as a whole, and are absolutely free from the puerile narrow-mindedness which so often revolts us in the Oriental specialist. There can be no doubt that the study of language, scientifically treated, possesses a peculiar attraction for the initiated, and we are even inclined to think that the most unphilological spirit who devotes a few hours to the examination of this dictionary will be fascinated by the charm of the comparative method, which has never been more strikingly displayed than in these pages."

BIHAR PEASANT LIFE.—The author, G. A. Grierson, B.C.S., has endeavoured to summarise in this forthcoming work all the information which he has been collecting for the past ten years regarding the Bihār peasant. It is in fact a Cyclopædia of Bihār Rural Life. It is in fourteen divisions, viz. 1. Implements and Appliances used in agriculture and rural manufactures. 2. Domestic Appliances and utensils. 3. Soils. 4. General Agricultural operations. 5. Agricultural products and their enemies. 6. Agricultural times and seasons. 7. Cattle and other domestic animals. 8. Labour, advances, wages, and perquisites. 9. Land tenures. 10. The native house. 11. Food. 12. Ceremonies and superstitions of rural life. 13. Trade, money-dealing, and accounts. 14. Weights and measures. In the course of the work more than twelve thousand vernacular words connected with rural life, most of which will not be found in any dictionary, are explained and illustrated. An elaborate index brings the whole to a conclusion. The work is being printed at the Bengal Secretariat Press from type specially cast for the purpose. It is illustrated with a number of plates lithographed at the Calcutta School of Art from photographs taken by the author. Besides students of the modern Indian Vernaculars, the book should be useful to Sanskrit and Prākṛit scholars in Europe as explaining the technical terms of rural life which abound in Ancient Indian literature. To the general reader the twelfth division, in which the marriage, birth, and death ceremonies of Hindūs and Musalmāns are minutely described, will be found specially interesting. The European publishers will be Messrs. Trübner and Co. In India it will be published at the Bengal Secretariat Press, Calcutta.

RAM-MOHUN-ROY.—The collected works of this great Indian reformer are to be published in Calcutta by subscription. We believe that all of his writings, which were published by the Unitarian connection shortly after his visit to England, have been out of print some years.

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.—Captain Burton writes to the Editor of the *Times of India* as follows of his Edition of the Arabian Nights. "My object in bringing out a translation so soon after Mr. John Payne's most scholarly and valuable version is simply this. Notes and commentaries did not enter into his plan. They do into mine, as I hold it impossible that any but Orientalists can read such a book and understand it. My object, therefore, is to let the student, as they say, 'read between the lines,' and supply him with knowledge which he certainly will not find in any published book. I cannot but regret the decided coarseness of the Arabic, but not the less I consider it my duty to translate it word for word. And there is this to be said for it, that the simple, naive, and childlike indecency is that which occurs in general conversation of high and low during the present day, from Morocco to Japan. It uses, like the holy books of the Hebrews, expressions 'plainly descriptive of natural situations:' and it treats in an unconventionally free and naked manner of 'subjects and matters which are usually by common consent left undescribed.' As Sir William Jones observed long ago,

'that anything natural can be offensively obscene never seems to have occurred to the Indians or to their legislators; a singularity (?) prevailing their writing and conversations, but no proof of moral depravity.' Another justly observes, *Les peuples primitifs n'y entendent pas malice, ils appellent les choses par leurs noms et ne trouvent pas condamnable ce qui est naturel.* And they are prying as children. For instance, the European novelist marries off his hero and heroine, and leaves them to consummate marriage in privacy; even Tom Jones has the decency to bolt the door. But the Eastern storyteller must usher you with a flourish into the bridal chamber, and narrate to you with infinite gusto everything he sees and hears. Again, we must remember that grossness and indecency are matter of time and place; what is offensive in England is not so in Egypt; what scandalizes us now would have been a tame joke *tempore Elisæ*. Withal 'The Nights' will not be found in this matter coarser than many passages of Shakespeare, Sterne, and Swift, and their uncleanness rarely attains the perfection of Alcofribas Nasier 'divin maitre et atrace cochon.' On the other hand, the coarseness and crassness are but the shades of a picture which would otherwise be all light. The general tone of 'The Nights' is exceptionally high and pure. The devotional fervour often rises to the boiling point of fanaticism. The pathos is sweet, deep and genuine; tender, simple and true, utterly unlike much of our modern times. Poetical justice is administered with exemplary partiality and stoical severity 'denouncing evil-doers and eulogizing deeds admirably achieved.' The *morale* is sound and healthy, and at times we descry vistas of transcendental morality, the morality of Socrates in Plato. Subtle corruption and covert licentiousness are utterly absent; we find more real 'vice' in many a short French *roman*, and in not a few English novels of our day, than in thousands of pages of the Arab. It is, indeed, the contrast of a quaint element, childish crudities and nursery indecencies, jostling the finest and highest views of life and character, shown in kaleidoscopic shiftings with many a 'rich truth in a tale's pretence;' pointed by a rough dry humour which compares well with 'rout;' the whole dominated everywhere by the marvellous Oriental fancy, wherein the spiritual and the supernatural are as common as the material and the natural—it is this contrast, I say, which forms the chiefest charm of 'The Nights,' which gives it the most striking originality, and which makes it a perfect expositor of the mediæval Moslem mind."

ORIENTAL TYPES.—It is seldom such a collection of Oriental and other foreign fonts of type are seen together as those in the "specimen book" just issued by Messrs. Gilbert and Rivington, printers, of St. John Square, Clerkenwell. This "specimen book" is composed of advertisements and other printing work actually done by Messrs. Gilbert and Rivington with the type in the languages to which they belong, and is not merely a fancy arrangement of specimens of type.

CENTRAL ASIAN QUESTIONS.—Mr. Demetrius C. Boulger, who has for some years studied the movements of Russia and China in Central Asia, has issued a book on "Central Asian Questions," published by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, Paternoster Square, London. This volume is composed of a series of articles that have appeared in the *Times* and other periodicals, and the recent advance made by Russia towards Herat is a favourable juncture for bringing them again before the public in a more permanent form, as their interest merits. Mr. Boulger points out in his book that the giant Chinese empire will in future years be an important factor in Central Asian politics, where indeed she has already made her mark. Her progress has been as sure if slower than that of Russia, and her generals there, for their masterly and strategical campaigns, have deserved a whole armoury of swords set with precious stones, if General Komaroff deserved one for simply executing a forward movement according to orders he had received, against a force inferior in numbers and also in arms. Mr. Boulger's book is divided into twenty-four sections, and forms quite a cyclopædia on the Central Asian Question in all its bearings, tracing it from the earliest times to the present.

THE MAHDI.—This is the title of a small book by Professor James Darmesteter of the College of France, translated by Miss Ada S. Ballin (T. Fisher Unwin, Paternoster Square), giving a history of the Mahdi ("God-guided" or Sent of God), or rather Mahdis past and present. The religion of Islam appears to be in a chronic state of Mahdism, which was provided for it by its founder, who rather enigmatically proclaimed the appearance of a leader of his own blood in later years who was to be preceded by a false prophet. Mohammed Ahmed of the Soudan, who was born at Dongola about 1843, answers in these particulars, that his name, and

that of his father and mother correspond with the tradition attributed to Mahomet's prediction of the Mahdi, but unfortunately for his pretensions there has been no pretender lately preceding him, and since his advent a Mahdi in the person Muley Hassan Ali has risen up, and being a second comer, in that particular corresponds with the tradition. To those who wish to study how Mahommedanism is likely to be kept from stagnation by Mahdism we cordially recommend this little book, which is a carefully written history of Mahdism from the earliest times to the present.

AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the American Oriental Society was held in Boston on Wednesday, May 6th. The same officers were chosen as last year. A half-volume of the Journal was announced as nearly through the press. The Society has lost ten Corporate and two Honorary members during the last year. The latter were the veteran scholars Lepsius of Berlin and Régnier of Paris; and amongst the former, Prof. Packard of Yale College, Mr. J. W. Barrow and Rabbi Huebsch of New York, Mr. Stephen Salisbury of Worcester, etc. Their commemoration occupied a considerable portion of the session. Nearly twenty communications were offered, those on Egyptian and on Sanskrit subjects being the most numerous. In the former division, Rev. L. Dickerman presented ably the reasons for doubting the genuineness of the claimed discovery of Pithom; Rev. Mr. Winslow gave a summary of the evidence alleged in favour of the claim; while Prof. J. A. Paine answered Mr. Dickerman's objections. In the absence of Mr. Whitehouse, there was presented a paper by him, finding references to a canal, the Pyramids, the Sphinx, etc., in the blessing of Joseph (Gen. xlix.). The discovery was not received with favour by the Semitic scholars present. Prof. J. A. Paine also refuted in detail the opinions of Mr. Whitehouse, laid before the last-preceding meeting of the Society, as to the site of Tanis, and the arguments by which they were supported. Prof. T. O. Paine gave some particulars from his illustrated work on the Holy Houses (of the Bible), now about to appear. Prof. I. H. Hall described certain Greek stamps on *amphoræ* in the Metropolitan Museum, reported a new Greek inscription from Tartosa in Syria, and offered one or two other brief papers on kindred subjects. Prof. Lyon gave an account of recent progress in Assyriology. Prof. Avery analyzed and illustrated the character of the Garo language of Assam. Mr. Warren spoke of Buddhist and other more modern Hindu superstitions connected with sneezing; and Prof. Whitney added a passage from an unpublished Brāhmana upon the same subject. Prof. Hopkins stated his reasons for rejecting Burnell's recent attempt to fix the date of Manu's law-book at about 500 A.D.; and Prof. Whitney discussed the connection of the same work with the Mānavan school of Vedic study, deeming it an unproved conjecture. Prof. Whitney also reported his work on Sanskrit roots, verb-forms, and primary derivatives, as nearly through the press, described its character, and gave some of the results for the history of the language derivable from its classified indexes of tense- and conjugation-stems. Prof. Lanman drew from the same work (advance-sheets) certain conclusions as to varieties of present-stem coming from one root; and further described a manuscript of a Sanskrit philosophical treatise at present in his hands. Prof. Edgren, now of the Nebraska University, also had sent in a paper on a point in Sanskrit grammar. The Society holds its next meeting in New York, in October.

AN ECLECTIC CHINESE-JAPANESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY.—The Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, a missionary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church in the United States, has compiled a Dictionary of eight thousand selected Chinese characters, with an introduction to the study of these characters as used by the Japanese in writing their language. This work, which has an appendix of useful tables, is intended to epitomize the results of the researches of the best native and foreign scholars of the Chinese written symbols as applied to and in connection with the study of the literature of Japan, to simplify these results, make their acquisition a pleasure and facilitate their application. The Introduction to the Dictionary makes the student acquainted with the construction and use of the Chinese characters, their meanings and the specific sounds they represent. First come the Radicals, next the Primitives, and following these the characters most frequently used. Accompanying the Radicals and Primitives are their ordinary cursive and old forms, preparing the student for converting the same at sight into their square or more modern forms, and thus enable him to refer to the Dictionary for their meanings. This work of the Rev. A. D. Gring is also intended to prepare and fit the student for using the ordinary native dictionaries.

INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE.—Captain W. P. Clark, of the Second U.S. Cavalry, who was employed in the Sioux and Cheyenne War of 1876-77, and commanded about three hundred Indians fighting on the side of the United States, was much struck with the easy way these Indians conversed with one another, although they spoke amongst them six different vocal languages. He set to work to study their sign language, and found them wonderfully good and patient instructors, and that the gesture speech was easy to acquire and remember. Later on, Captain Clark's duties taking him to the Red Cloud Agency, and in 1878-80 still further north-west, he found constant use for the sign language, and also that it acted as a check on unreliable interpreters. In 1881 Captain Clark was commissioned by Lieut.-General Sheridan to compile a work on the Indian Sign Language, and for this purpose he visited several tribes in the Indian Territory, Minnesota, Manitoba, North-West Territory, Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho. The volume before us of 443 pages in 8vo., with a Map of the Indian Reservations, published by L. R. Hamersley & Co., Philadelphia, is the result of Captain Clark's labours on this interesting subject, and he has incorporated in it the Sign Language used by Deaf-mutes. The work is in the form of a dictionary, and the signs used by Deaf-mutes come at the end of the description of each Indian sign, which renders comparison easy. The Sign Language, like the vocal, is constantly undergoing alterations and modifications. Captain Clark instances the word *coffee*, which used to be represented as a grain, or by the round-about process of preparing and drinking the beverage; when, however, the coffee mill was introduced amongst the Indians, the notion of turning the crank was at once adopted by all the tribes of the Plain who had used or seen it.

DR. BRINTON'S RESEARCHES ON ABORIGINAL LINGUISTICS AND FOLK-LORE.—Dr. Brinton, besides editing his Library of American Aboriginal Literature, finds time to issue occasionally separate volumes and papers on the Language and Folk-lore of the North American Indians. His latest issues are an Exposé of the so-called "Taensa Grammar and Dictionary," "The Chief God of the Algonkins in his character as a Cheat and a Liar," both of which are reprinted from the "American Antiquarian." "The American Languages, and Why we should study them," was an address delivered before the Pennsylvania Historical Society, March 9, 1885. Another valuable publication of Dr. Brinton's which has just appeared in addition to the foregoing, is "The Philosophic Grammar of American Languages as set forth by Wilhelm von Humboldt, with the Translation of an unpublished Memoir by him on the American Verb." This last was read by Dr. Brinton in the form of a paper before the American Philosophical Society, March 20, 1885.

MITTHEILUNGEN VON F. A. BROCKHAUS, LEIPZIG, 1885.—Under this title Messrs. F. A. Brockhaus of Leipzig have commenced publishing a literary bulletin, the first Number of which appeared in April this year.

SPELLING REFORM ASSOCIATION.—Spelling amended according to the Joint Rules of the Philological Associations. —The tenth annual session of the Spelling Reform Association will be held at New Haven, Conn., in the Sloane Laboratory, Yale College, beginning Thursday, July 9, 1885, at 3 p.m., shortly after the adjournment of the American Philological Association, which meets at the same place, July 7-9. Besides members of the Association, all others interested in spelling reform are cordially invited. Those wishing to read papers will please give early notice, so that time may be assigned if practicable. Some important papers are already promised. Reports will be presented from the Branch Associations of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other cities, and action will be proposed in aid of the efforts of the New York Branch to introduce simplified spelling in teaching the Freedmen. Report will be made of the progress of the reform in England and Germany, and measures looking to a closer co-operation with the foreign societies will probably be taken. All members are asked to send word whether or not they can be present. A local committee will give necessary information to visitors. Address the Secretary, at Columbia College Library, New York.—F. A. March, President; Melvil Dewey, Secretary. New York, June 6, 1885.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPELT.—This very amusing collection of examples of the curiosities and incongruities of English spelling may help us on the road to Spelling reform. It purports to be by Fritz Federheld, and is published by G. W. Carleton & Co., New York.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA.—The Sixth Annual Report of the Archæological Institute of America, dated May 9th, 1885, has just been issued, and records the progress made in the region where Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona join, and also gives a resume of the work that has been carried on by the classical branch of the Society at Assos.

CATALOGUE OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM LIBRARY.—The General Catalogue of the Library of the British Museum has been in progress of printing since the year 1881. The printing has been carried on in two directions:—First, for volumes of the manuscript Catalogue already filled with entries, and which it would be necessary, if kept in MS., to break up and extend. Second, in continuous order from the commencement of the alphabet. The two sections will eventually combine in one series, and complete the work. The seventy-four parts issued previous to 1885—consisting of 8,000 pages—can be had for £18 10s. The subscription for the current year is £3 10s. The Catalogue is issued to Subscribers only. Proposals to subscribe (accompanied—in the case of subscribers at a distance—with the name of a London agent to pay the subscription-money and receive the copies) should be addressed to the Principal Librarian of the British Museum, London. Edw. A. Bond, Principal Librarian.

A DICTIONARY OF THE ANONYMOUS AND PSEUDONYMOUS LITERATURE OF GREAT BRITAIN.—The great dictionary of pseudonymous literature by the late Messrs. Halkett and Laing is completed up to "Zio," by the publication of the third volume (William Paterson, Edinburgh). Since the first announcement of the publication of this dictionary many others have been projected, but they are mostly dictionaries of pseudonyms only, whilst this gives the titles of the books published under pseudonymic authorship. The present volume contains about five thousand eight hundred titles.

EUROPEAN POCKET GUIDE.—Mr. J. E. Palmer, of 128, Broadway, New York, publishes a European Guide for American travellers, in which a large amount of information is compressed into a small space. A notable feature of this guide is a telegraph code for the use of travellers, which has been proved, and works well, and is a great saving of expense.

INDEX TO PERIODICALS.—With 1885, the Coöperative Index to Periodicals, edited by W. I. Fletcher, Librarian of Amherst College and Associate Editor of Poole's Index—hitherto issued *only* as a supplement to the Library Journal—becomes a separate periodical, issued quarterly. The plan is extended to cover all the periodicals indexed in Poole's Index and such new ones as are of sufficient prominence to be included, English as well as American. The price is 10s. per year. It is sent as a supplement to all subscribers to the Library Journal (25s.), but it is hoped that librarians will do their part in its direct support by taking extra copies for readers' use. Booksellers, schools, and individuals will also find it worth the money to them, as it gives a continuous index, by subjects, to the articles in all the leading magazines. Address, Trübner and Co., 57 and 59, Ludgate Hill, London; or, The Index to Periodicals, 31 and 32, Park Row (P.O. Box 943), New York.

THE ALDINE PUBLISHING COMPANY.—"The Publishers' Weekly" says:—"A movement is afoot, we understand, for the co-operation of a number of publishing firms in New

York, Boston, and elsewhere, under the name of The Aldine Publishing Company, to publish books in such styles and at such prices as successfully to compete with and drive out of the market the books of the so-called "pirate" publishers. As yet nothing definite can be said of the movement, but we hope to be able to give particulars in an early issue."

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—We have received from the Hon. Norman J. Colman, the Commissioner of Agriculture, reports (new series, Nos. 17 and 18), for April and May. The former giving the area of winter grain and the condition of farm animals, the progress of cotton planting and wages of farm labour. Each of these reports contain the freight rates of the transportation companies.

THE AGRICULTURAL GRASSES OF THE U.S.A.—The Hon. Geo. B. Loring, the late Commissioner of Agriculture, has published a very valuable contribution to the botany of the U.S., compiled by Dr. G. Vasey, Botanist of the Department, on Agricultural Grasses of the United States, containing 120 plates and 144 pages of text. It contains also what is very important to the agriculturist who raises cattle, "The Chemical Composition of American Grasses," by Clifford Richardson, Assistant Chemist.

LABOUR STATISTICS.—One of the notable social movements of our day has been the collection and publication of Labour Statistics, and we have before us a volume on the subject covering an area from which we have not seen any returns before, but which includes some very important trade and industrial centres. It is the Third Biennial Report of the Bureau of Labour Statistics of Illinois, 1884. It is transmitted to the Governor of the State by the Commissioners, Messrs. Chas. H. Deere (President), Joseph C. Snow, Thos. Lloyd, Geo. T. Brown, and A. W. Kingsland, John S. Lord being Secretary. It is divided into three parts, viz. Work, Wages, and Profits in the manufacturing industries of Illinois; earnings, expenses, and condition of working men and their families; and coal production, drain-tile manufacture, with a special report on Pullman City, where the Cars are built.

FACTORY SYSTEMS OF THE UNITED STATES.—Mr. Carroll D. Wright has contributed to the "Tenth Census" a report on the factory system of the United States, which has also been published in a separate form. It compares the American system with those of other countries, points out its apparent evils and advantages, and gives the factory legislation of America and Europe. The homes of the factory operatives of both continents are contrasted by 17 plates, and at the end of the report will be found a Bibliography of the literature bearing on the Factory system.

AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Hon. A. P. Butler, the Commissioner of Agriculture of South Carolina, has commenced publishing a Monthly Report of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Immigration in a newspaper form. Number 3 for April contains correspondence from the "Chronicle and Constitutionalist" on the Early Amber and Orange African canes as sugar producers and forage crops.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION OF MERIDAN, CONN.—The first volume of the Transactions of this Society for 1884 contains a catalogue of the Phænogamous and Vascular Cryptogamous Plants found growing in Meridan, Conn., found in 1881 to 1883, by the late Miss Emily Josephine Leonard.

In Memoriam.

DRAKE.—Francis S. Drake, the eldest son of the antiquarian author, Samuel Gardner Drake, of Boston, died at Washington, D.C., on the 22nd of February. He was born at Northwood, N.H., in 1828, and was educated at Boston in the public schools. He was first with his father in the book business, and afterwards with Messrs. Rice, Kendall and Co., when he went to Leavenworth, Kansas, to a book concern established there by his brother. Of late years he was engaged in literary work, and besides contributions to various periodicals and to the "Memorial History of Boston," he was the author of the following works:—Memorials of the Society of Cincinnati of Mass., "List of Members of the Mass. Society of Cincinnati, including roll of original members with biographies," a "History of Roxbury, Mass.," "Life of General Henry Knox," an "Indian History for Young Folks," and a "Dictionary of American Biography," which has been for some time out of print, and a new edition of which he was

at work on at the time of his decease. He edited an edition of "Schoolcraft's History of the Indians," which he very much enlarged and improved.

SCHLAGINTWEIT (ROBERT VON).—We regret to record, on June the 6th last, the premature decease of Robert von Schlagintweit, the last and youngest of the three celebrated brothers who travelled and explored under the auspices of the Honourable East India Company from 1854 to 1857. On their return from their Himalayan expedition they formed a museum of articles they had collected, in the Castle of Jägersburg, near Forchheim, which they bought for the purpose. At a later date the larger portion was bought for the Bavarian nation by King Louis II. of Bavaria, and deposited in the Castle of Nuremberg. Their "Scientific Results of a Mission to High Asia," was to consist of 9 volumes, but only 4 appeared, as Hermann became an invalid from the hardships he had gone through on his travels, and

Robert was too conscientious to finish it by himself, Adolphus having been murdered by the orders of the ruler of Kashgar on the 26th of August, 1857. Robert v. Schlagintweit, the subject of our notice, was appointed Professor of Geography in the University of Giessen by Grand-Duke Louis III. of Hesse-Darmstadt. He delivered popular scientific lectures in many countries of Europe on the subject of his travels, and in the United States in ten months he delivered seventy-eight in all. On his return from America he published a number of works on the United States in the German language, which met with a great success in his own country. He proceeded to America a second time, in 1880, intending to lecture again, but the journey was too much for his strength, so after a period of rest he returned to his native land and put his manuscripts in order. His diaries and correspondence make 41 volumes of MSS., each volume representing twelve months. This work he was able to attend to up to the 23rd of April, 1885, when his literary labours came to a close.

VAUX.—It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. W. S. W. Vaux, the Secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society and the Royal Society of Literature, on June 21st. He was the son of the late Prebendary Vaux, was born in 1818 and educated at Westminster School and Balliol College, Oxford. Mr. Vaux was for some years, before he was elected Secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society, the Keeper of the Coins and Medals in the British Museum; he was the author of several books on Coins, Antiquities, etc., and the Annual Reports containing the necrology, etc., in the Journal

of the Royal Asiatic Society were written by him. He was a gentleman of a genial disposition and active mind, who will be missed by numerous friends.

WELFORD.—Mr. Charles Welford, of Messrs. Scribner and Welford, of New York, died on the 18th of May, of pneumonia, at 15, Kensington Crescent, London. Mr. Welford may be said to have been reared amongst books. He was the son of a London bookseller, and was born in London in 1813, and, at the age of eighteen, he emigrated with his parents to New York, and, three years after, entered the store of Messrs. D. Appleton and Co., with whom he stayed three years, when, in 1839, he formed a partnership with John Russell Bartlett, the author of the "Dictionary of Americanisms" and many other works, who had established himself in business in 1837, but had, like most authors, not been very successful in commerce. The firm of Bartlett and Welford carried on an importing business until 1852, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Welford joined Bangs Brothers and Co. till the commercial crisis of 1857 caused their suspension. Mr. Welford then formed a partnership with the late Mr. Charles Scribner, under the name of Scribner and Welford, which firm has had several alterations in the constitution of the company during the years they have carried on business. Mr. Welford was a thorough lover of books, and had almost as good a knowledge of their contents as of their commercial value. He was also a writer, and several sketches by him appeared in Scribner's Monthly some years ago.

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